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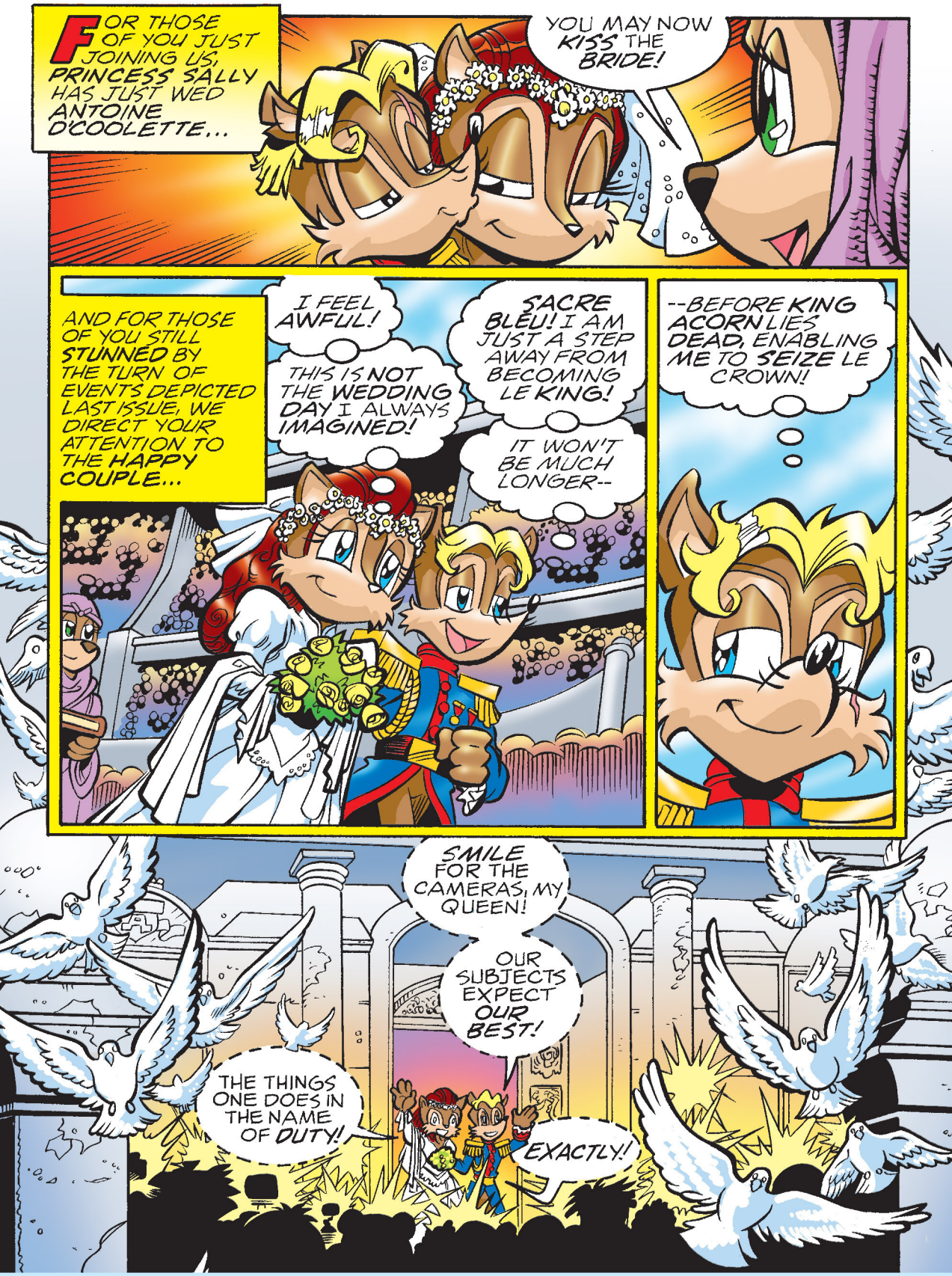
FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST JOINING US, PRINCESS SALLY HAS JUST WED ANTOINE D'COOLETTE...
YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE!
AND FOR THOSE OF YOU STILL STUNNED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS DEPICTED LAST ISSUE, WE DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE HAPPY COUPLE...
I FEEL AWFUL!
THIS IS NOT THE WEDDING DAY I ALWAYS IMAGINED!
SACRE BLEU! I AM JUST A STEP AWAY FROM BECOMING LE KING!
IT WON'T BE MUCH LONGER--
--BEFORE KING ACORN LIES DEAD, ENABLING ME TO SEIZE LE CROWN!
SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS, MY QUEEN!
OUR SUBJECTS EXPECT OUR BEST!
THE THINGS ONE DOES IN THE NAME OF DUTY!
EXACTLY!

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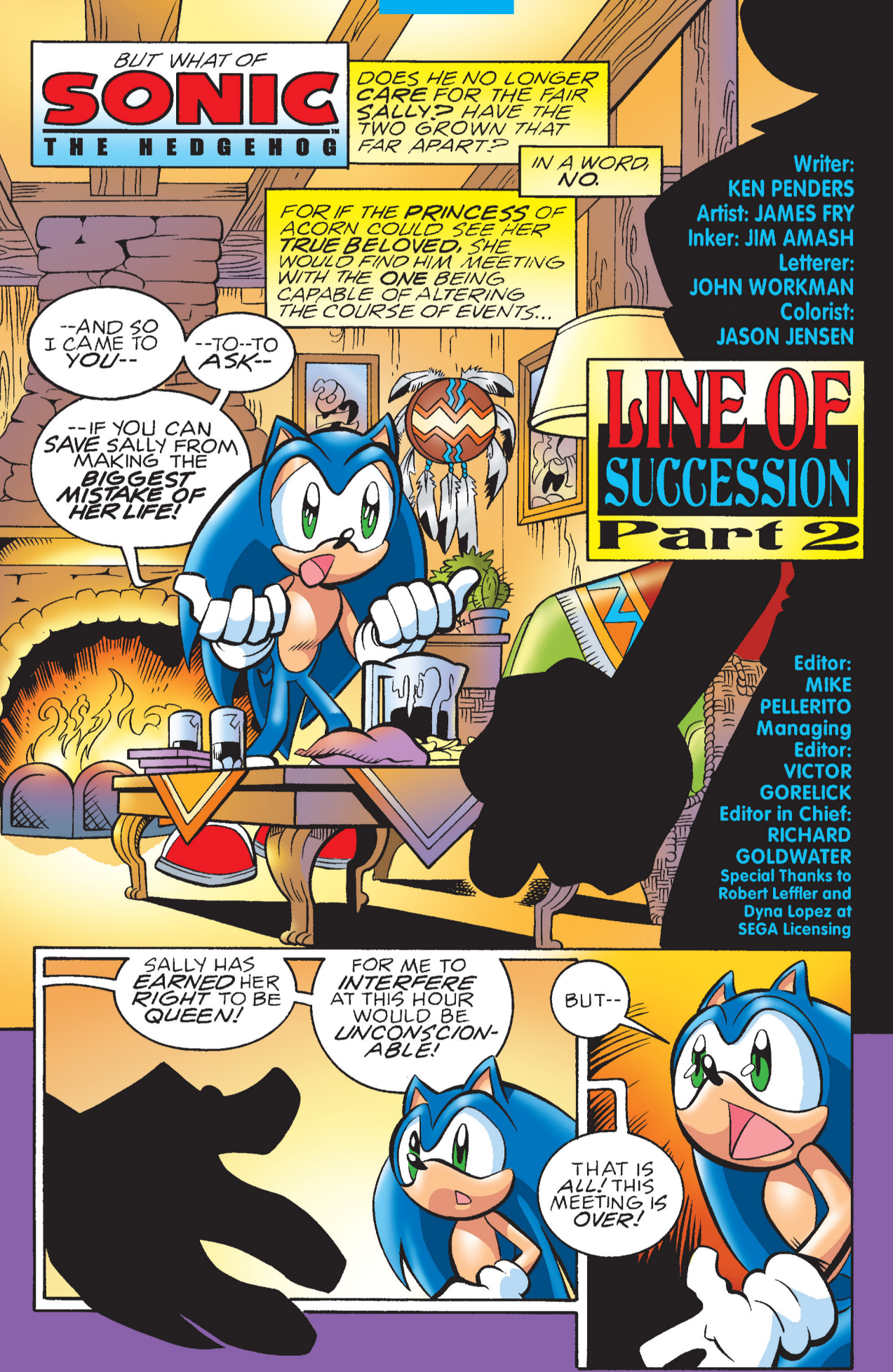
BUT WHAT OF
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
DOES HE NO LONGER CARE FOR THE FAIR SALLY? HAVE THE TWO GROWN THAT FAR APART?
IN A WORD, NO.
FOR IF THE PRINCESS OF ACORN COULD SEE HER TRUE BELOVED, SHE WOULD FIND HIM MEETING WITH THE ONE BEING CAPABLE OF ALTERING THE COURSE OF EVENTS...
--AND SO I CAME TO YOU--
--TO--TO ASK--
--IF YOU CAN SAVE SALLY FROM MAKING THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF HER LIFE!
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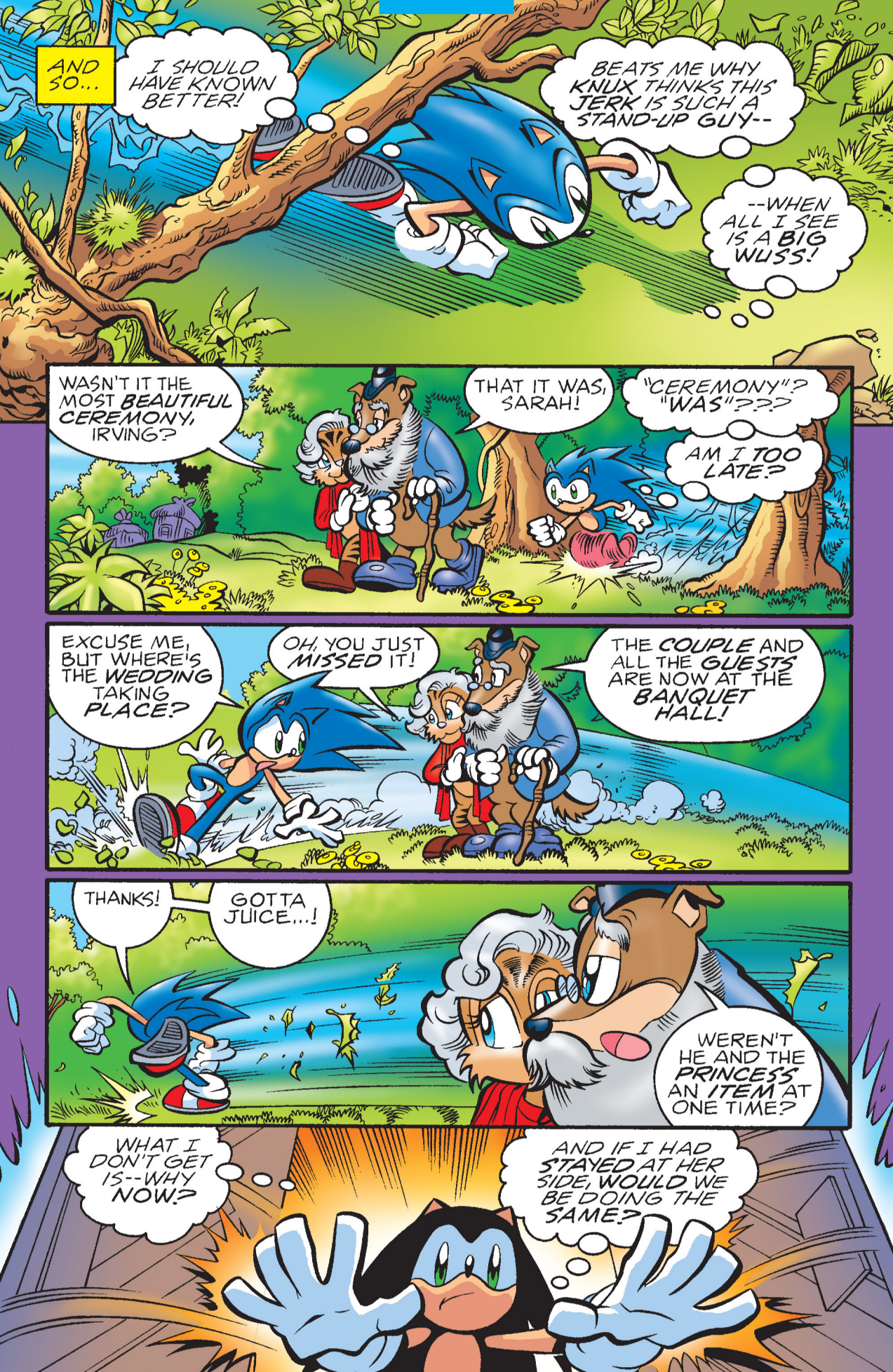
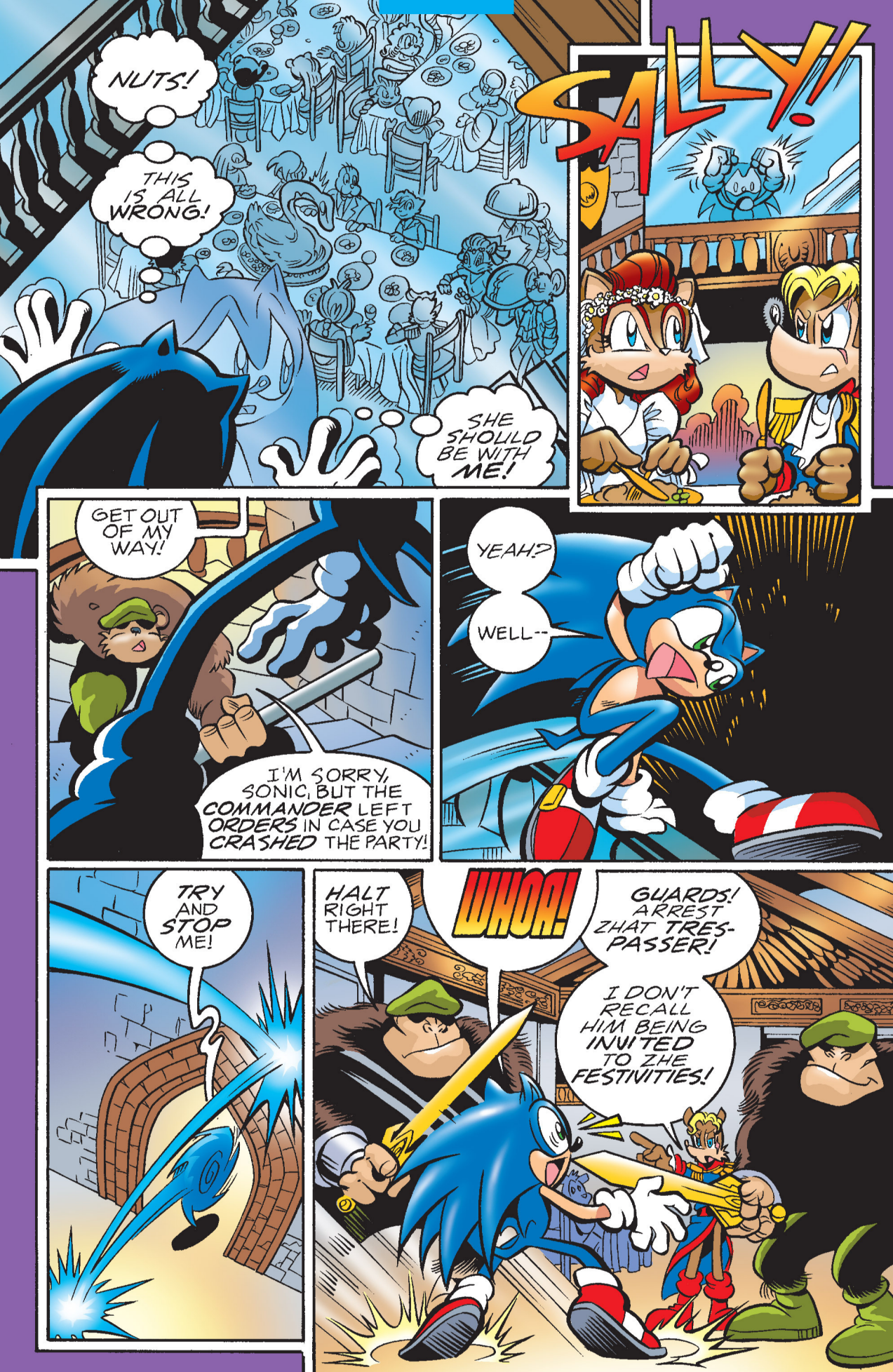
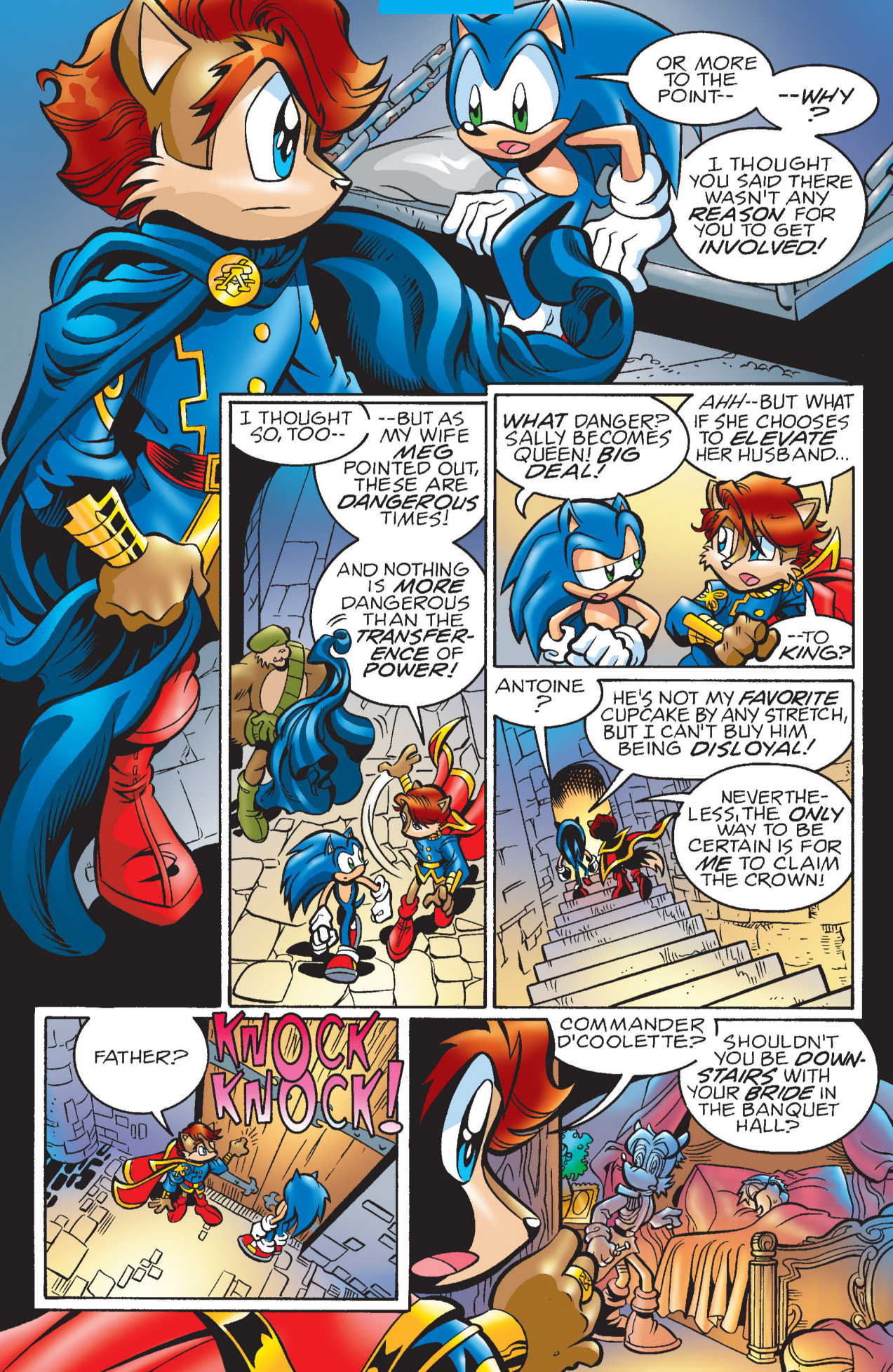
SALLY HAS EARNED HER RIGHT TO BE QUEEN!
FOR ME TO INTERFERE AT THIS HOUR WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE!
BUT--
THAT IS ALL! THIS MEETING IS OVER!

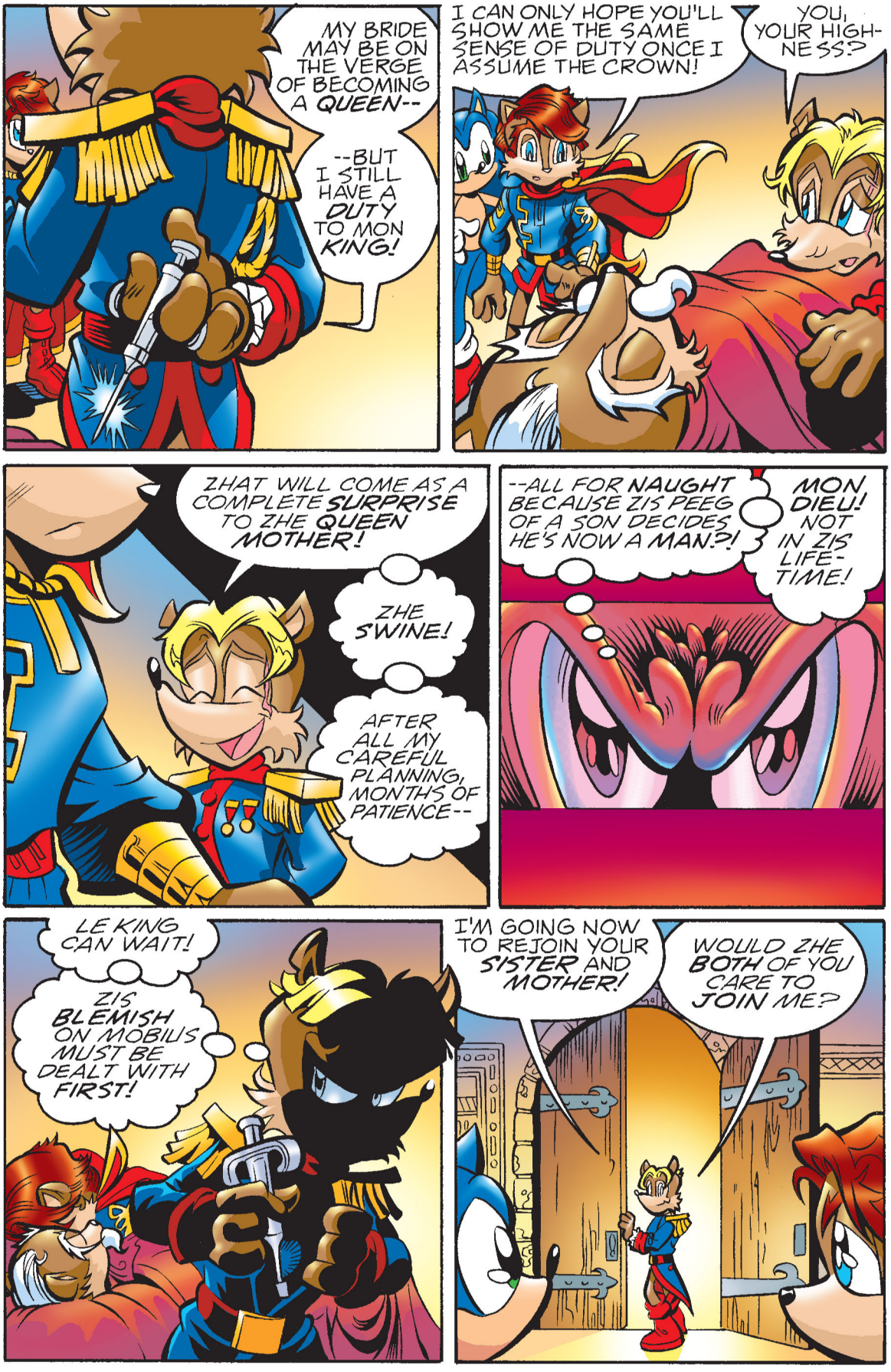

AND SO...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!
BEATS ME WHY KNUX THINKS THIS JERK IS SUCH A STAND-UP GUY--
--WHEN ALL I SEE IS A BIG WUSS!
WASN'T IT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY, IRVING?
THAT IT WAS, SARAH!
"CEREMONY"? "WAS"???
AM I TOO LATE?
EXCUSE ME, BUT WHERE'S THE WEDDING TAKING PLACE?
OH, YOU JUST MISSED IT!
THE COUPLE AND ALL THE GUESTS ARE NOW AT THE BANQUET HALL!
THANKS!
GOTTA JUICE...!
WEREN'T HE AND THE PRINCESS AN ITEM AT ONE TIME?
WHAT I DON'T GET IS--WHY NOW?
AND IF I HAD STAYED AT HER SIDE, WOULD WE BE DOING THE SAME?


NUTS!
THIS IS ALL WRONG!
SHE SHOULD BE WITH ME!
SALLY!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M SORRY, SONIC, BUT THE COMMANDER LEFT ORDERS IN CASE YOU CRASHED THE PARTY!
YEAH?
WELL--
TRY AND STOP ME!
HALT RIGHT THERE!
WHOA!
GUARDS! ARREST ZHAT TRES-PASSER!
I DON'T RECALL HIM BEING INVITED TO ZHE FESTIVITIES!

SALLY! DON'T LET THEM DO THIS!
NOT AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH!
I'M SORRY, SONIC--
--BUT I MUST BE SUPPORTIVE OF MY HUSBAND!
GUARDS! TAKE HIM AWAY!
I DEEPLY REGRET THIS UNPLEASANTNESS, MY DEAR!
NOW, IF YOU'LL PARDON ME, THERE'S A SMALL MATTER I NEED TO ATTEND TO!
CERTAINLY!
NAMELY, GIVING THE KING HIS FINAL DOSE!

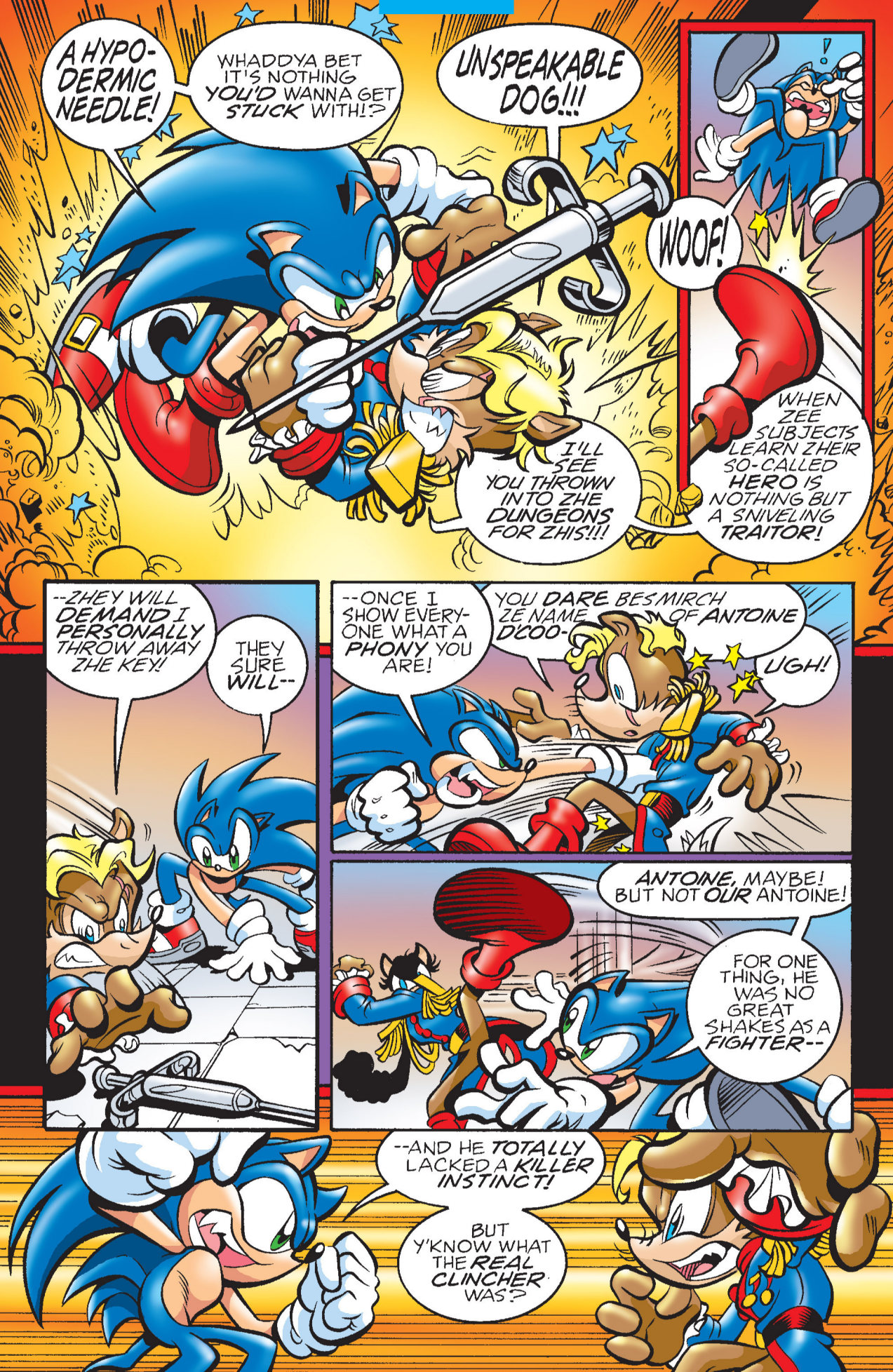
HALT!
ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!
I BELIEVE MY CREDENTIALS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
UH...ER...YES, ABSOLUTELY, YOUR--
"NOW... COULD SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY ALL THIS SECURITY ON THIS MOST FESTIVE OF OCCASIONS?"
THE LONGER I PROLONG ZIS, THE MORE I RISK DISCOVERY!
ZEREFORE, TONIGHT--
--LE KING MUST DIE!
"BUT THE COMMANDER SAID NO VISITORS!?"
AND SINCE WHEN DOES A COMMANDER OUTRANK A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY?
OPEN THE CELL DOOR AT ONCE!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
PRINCE ELIAS!!!
BUT HOW--?

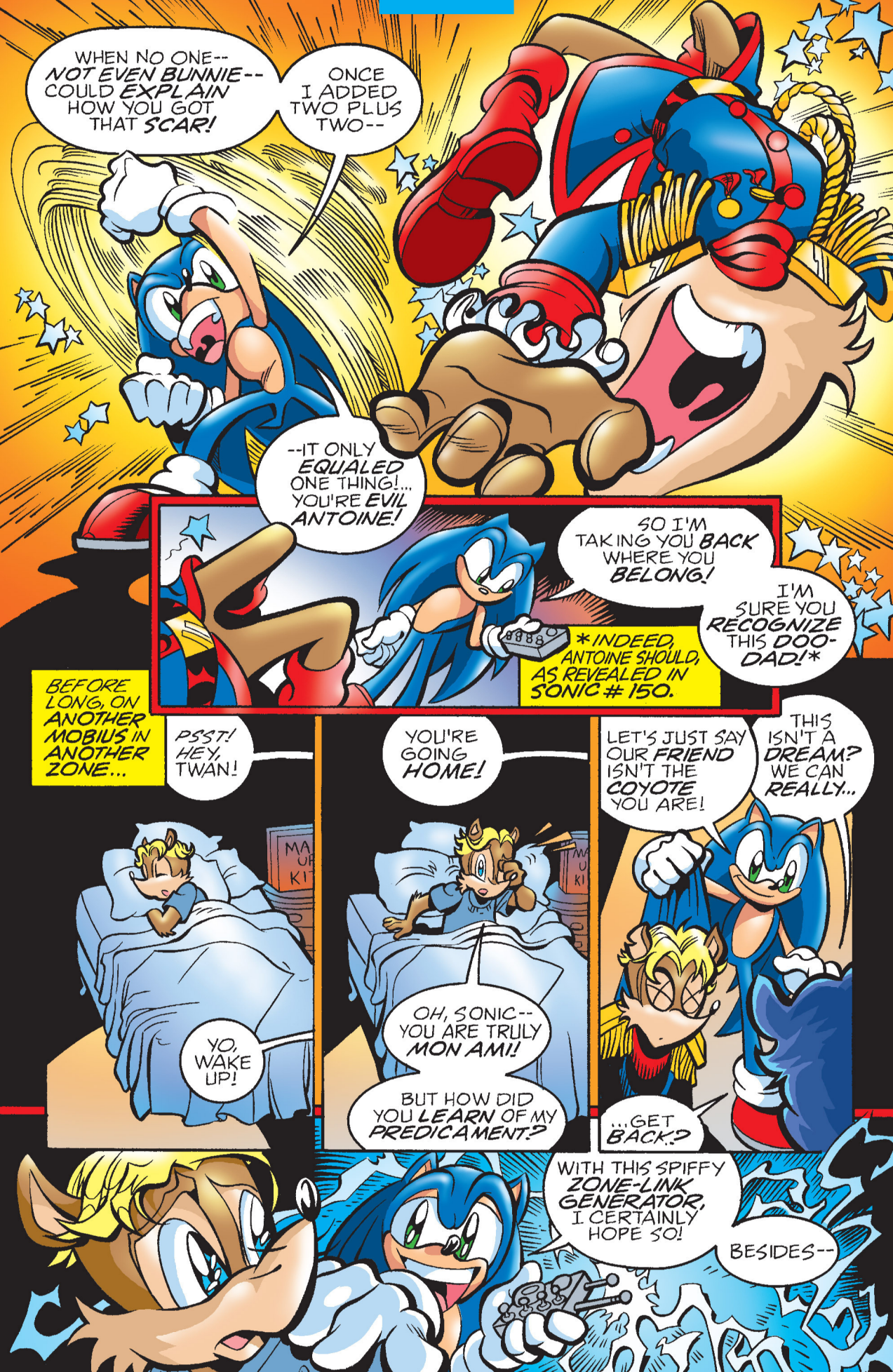

OR MORE TO THE POINT--
--WHY?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THERE WASN'T ANY REASON FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED!
I THOUGHT SO, TOO--
--BUT AS MY WIFE MEG POINTED OUT, THESE ARE DANGEROUS TIMES!
AND NOTHING IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE TRANSFERENCE OF POWER!
WHAT DANGER? SALLY BECOMES QUEEN! BIG DEAL!
AHH--BUT WHAT IF SHE CHOOSES TO ELEVATE HER HUSBAND...
--TO KING?
ANTOINE?
HE'S NOT MY FAVORITE CUPCAKE BY ANY STRETCH, BUT I CAN'T BUY HIM BEING DISLOYAL!
NEVERTHELESS, THE ONLY WAY TO BE CERTAIN IS FOR ME TO CLAIM THE CROWN!
FATHER?
KNOCK KNOCK!
COMMANDER D'COOLETTE?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE DOWNSTAIRS WITH YOUR BRIDE IN THE BANQUET HALL?

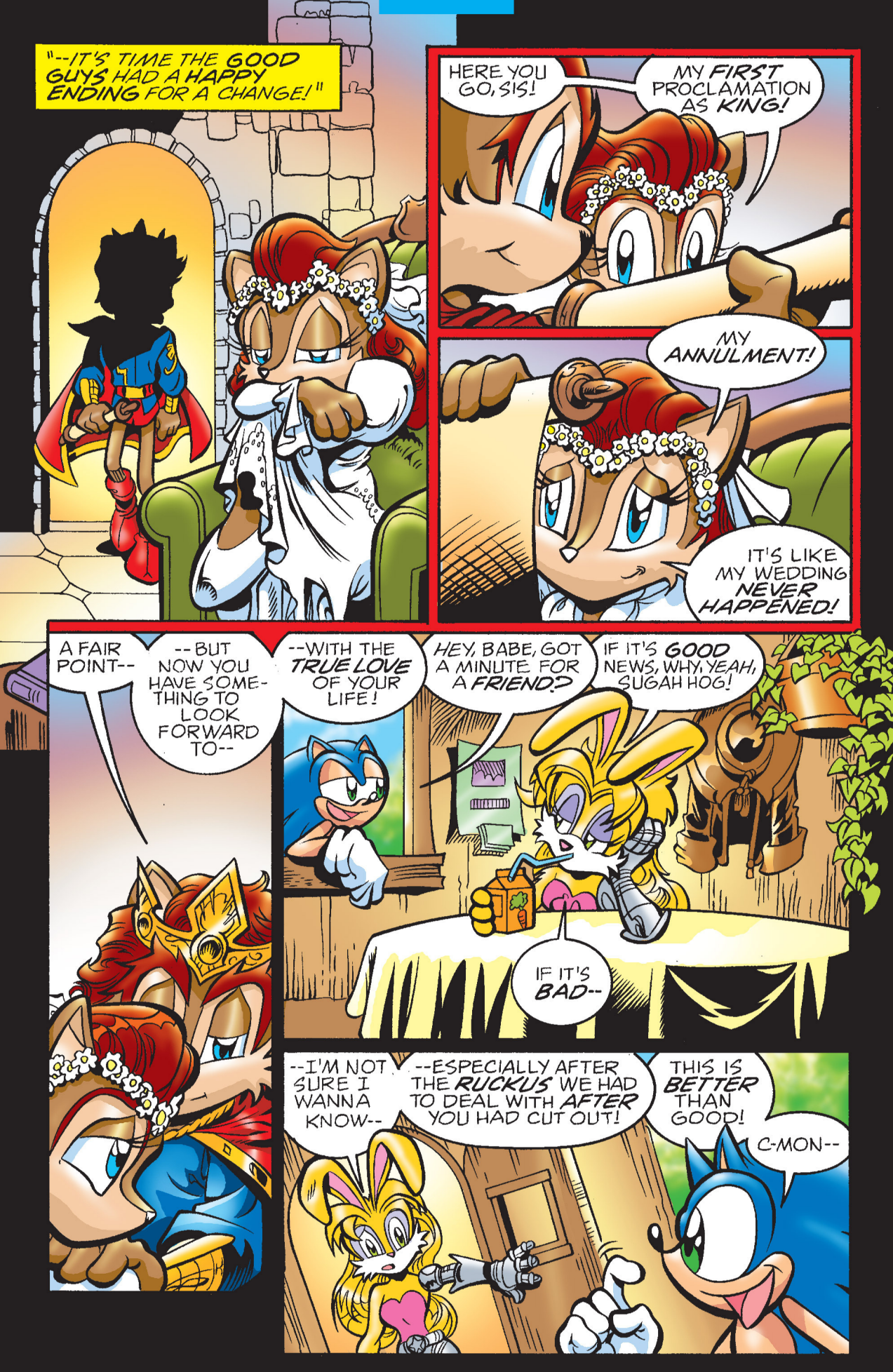

MY BRIDE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING A QUEEN--
--BUT I STILL HAVE A DUTY TO MON KING!
I CAN ONLY HOPE YOU'LL SHOW ME THE SAME SENSE OF DUTY ONCE I ASSUME THE CROWN!
YOU, YOUR HIGH-NESS?
ZHAT WILL COME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ZHE QUEEN MOTHER!
ZHE SWINE!
AFTER ALL MY CAREFUL PLANNING, MONTHS OF PATIENCE--
--ALL FOR NAUGHT BECAUSE ZIS PEEG OF A SON DECIDES HE'S NOW A MAN?!
MON DIEU! NOT IN ZIS LIFE-TIME!
LE KING CAN WAIT!
ZIS BLEMISH ON MOBIUS MUST BE DEALT WITH FIRST!
I'M GOING NOW TO REJOIN YOUR SISTER AND MOTHER!
WOULD ZHE BOTH OF YOU CARE TO JOIN ME?

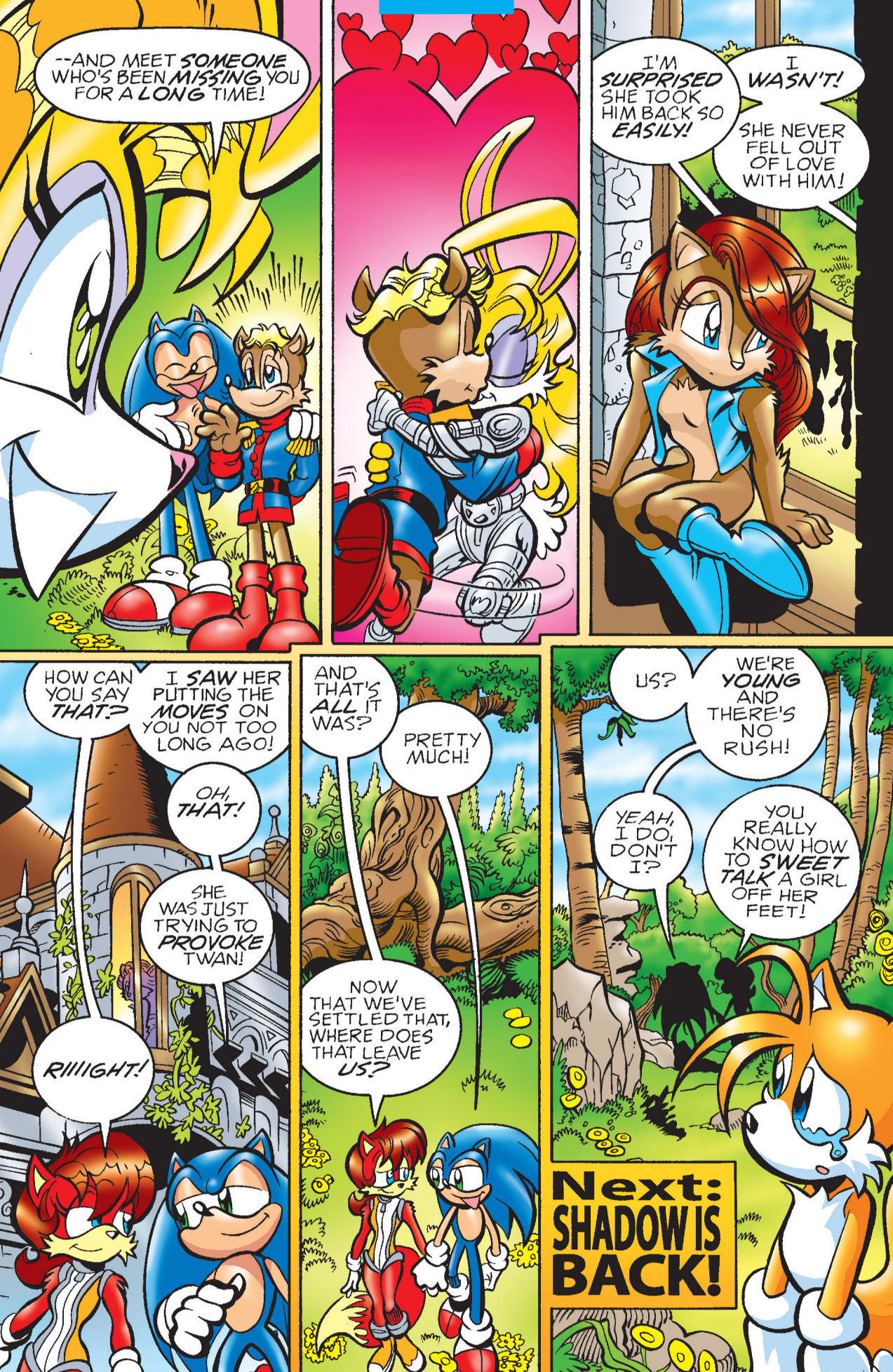
BEFORE LONG, BACK AT THE BANQUET HALL...
ONCE MY NEW HUSBAND REJOINS US--
--WE CAN COMMENCE WITH THE CORONATION!
NOT SO FAST!
AS FIRST-BORN, I ASSERT MY RIGHT TO THE CROWN!
NO REACTION FROM ANTOINE!
EITHER HE'S THE COOLEST CUSTOMER OR ELSE ELIAS IS BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE!
YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT YOUR STEP-CHILD IS INELIGIBLE IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION, ELIAS!
ONLY THE BLOOD ROYALE MAY SIT ON THE THRONE!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS, ELIAS?
I ABANDONED THE CROWN BECAUSE OF LOVE--
AND NOW IT'S BECAUSE OF LOVE--
--THAT I MUST ACCEPT IT!
MY SON, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I'VE LONGED FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE!
KNEEL AS A PRINCE, ELIAS, HEIR TO THE THRONE ACORN!
AND ARISE KING ELIAS, SOVEREIGN OF ACORN!

I AM SO PROUD OF YOU, MY SON!
SINCE ELIAS WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER HIS WIFE OR CHILD-- CORRECTION: STEP-CHILD--
--ZHEY WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ORDER TO SECURE MY POSITION!
BUT NOW, IN PLAIN SIGHT OF EVERY-ONE, I'LL ELIMINATE ZEE PRINCE--
--WITHOUT ANYONE BEING AWARE THAT A SIMPLE HANDSHAKE WILL BE ZEE CATALYST.
AND I AS WELL, ELIAS!
YOU HAVE MY FULL AND TOTAL SUPPORT!
I'M SPEECHLESS! THANK YOU, SALLY!
ALLOW ME TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS!
SOME-THING'S SHINY IN TWAN'S HAND--
LOOKS SHARP --LIKE A BLADE, OR--OR--
GET BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS!


A HYPO-DERMIC NEEDLE!
WHADDYA BET IT'S NOTHING YOU'D WANNA GET STUCK WITH!?
UNSPEAKABLE DOG!!!
I'LL SEE YOU THROWN INTO ZHE DUNGEONS FOR ZHIS!!!
WOOF!
WHEN ZEE SUBJECTS LEARN ZHEIR SO-CALLED HERO IS NOTHING BUT A SNIVELING TRAITOR!
--ZHEY WILL DEMAND I PERSONALLY THROW AWAY ZHE KEY!
THEY SURE WILL--
--ONCE I SHOW EVERY-ONE WHAT A PHONY YOU ARE!
YOU DARE BESMIRCH ZE NAME OF ANTOINE D'COO-
UGH!
ANTOINE, MAYBE! BUT NOT OUR ANTOINE!
FOR ONE THING, HE WAS NO GREAT SHAKES AS A FIGHTER--
--AND HE TOTALLY LACKED A KILLER INSTINCT!
BUT Y'KNOW WHAT THE REAL CLINCHER WAS?


WHEN NO ONE-- NOT EVEN BUNNIE-- COULD EXPLAIN HOW YOU GOT THAT SCAR!
ONCE I ADDED TWO PLUS TWO--
--IT ONLY EQUALED ONE THING!... YOU'RE EVIL ANTOINE!
SO I'M TAKING YOU BACK WHERE YOU BELONG!
I'M SURE YOU RECOGNIZE THIS DOO-DAD!*
*INDEED, ANTOINE SHOULD, AS REVEALED IN SONIC #150.
BEFORE LONG, ON ANOTHER MOBIUS IN ANOTHER ZONE...
PSST! HEY, TWAN!
YO, WAKE UP!
YOU'RE GOING HOME!
OH, SONIC-- YOU ARE TRULY MON AMI!
BUT HOW DID YOU LEARN OF MY PREDICAMENT?
LET'S JUST SAY OUR FRIEND ISN'T THE COYOTE YOU ARE!
THIS ISN'T A DREAM? WE CAN REALLY...
...GET BACK?
WITH THIS SPIFFY ZONE-LINK GENERATOR, I CERTAINLY HOPE SO!
BESIDES--


"--IT'S TIME THE GOOD GUYS HAD A HAPPY ENDING FOR A CHANGE!"
HERE YOU GO, SIS!
MY FIRST PROCLAMATION AS KING!
MY ANNULMENT!
IT'S LIKE MY WEDDING NEVER HAPPENED!
A FAIR POINT--
--BUT NOW YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO--
--WITH THE TRUE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE!
HEY, BABE, GOT A MINUTE FOR A FRIEND?
IF IT'S GOOD NEWS, WHY, YEAH, SUGAH HOG!
IF IT'S BAD--
--I'M NOT SURE I WANNA KNOW--
--ESPECIALLY AFTER THE RUCKUS WE HAD TO DEAL WITH AFTER YOU HAD CUT OUT!
THIS IS BETTER THAN GOOD!
C-MON--


--AND MEET SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN MISSING YOU FOR A LONG TIME!
I'M SURPRISED SHE TOOK HIM BACK SO EASILY!
I WASN'T!
SHE NEVER FELL OUT OF LOVE WITH HIM!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
I SAW HER PUTTING THE MOVES ON YOU NOT TOO LONG AGO!
OH, THAT!
SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO PROVOKE TWAN!
RIIIIGHT!
AND THAT'S ALL IT WAS?
PRETTY MUCH!
NOW THAT WE'VE SETTLED THAT, WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?
US?
WE'RE YOUNG AND THERE'S NO RUSH!
YEAH, I DO, DON'T I?
YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO SWEET TALK A GIRL OFF HER FEET!
Next: SHADOW IS BACK!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
PRESENTS
DULCY
THE DRAGON
IN
THE PRICE OF FLAME
PART TWO
HEY, EVERYBODY-- LAST ISSUE WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT DULCY. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT PROTECTED UNDER THE PLANET BY DISTANCE AND ANCIENT MAGIC, ROBOTICIZED DRAGONS HAD SURVIVED! ROBOTNIK, HAS USED THE ROBIAN DRAGONS TO ATTACK THE LAST OF THE FREE DRAGONS LIVING INSIDE THE VOLCANO HOME OF THE SECRET CITY OF VESUVIUS!
SURRENDER AND ACCEPT ROBOTICIZATION! RESIST AND YOU PERISH! THIS VOLCANO AND ITS VAST ENERGY RESOURCES NOW BELONG TO ROBOTNIK!
CHKOOM
SOUND THE ALARM!
ALERT THE ELDERS!
PTUM TUM TUM
ZZZRAP!
GET THE CHILDREN TO SAFETY!
*You saw it last issue. If not, go get one... We'll wait!--Mikeditor
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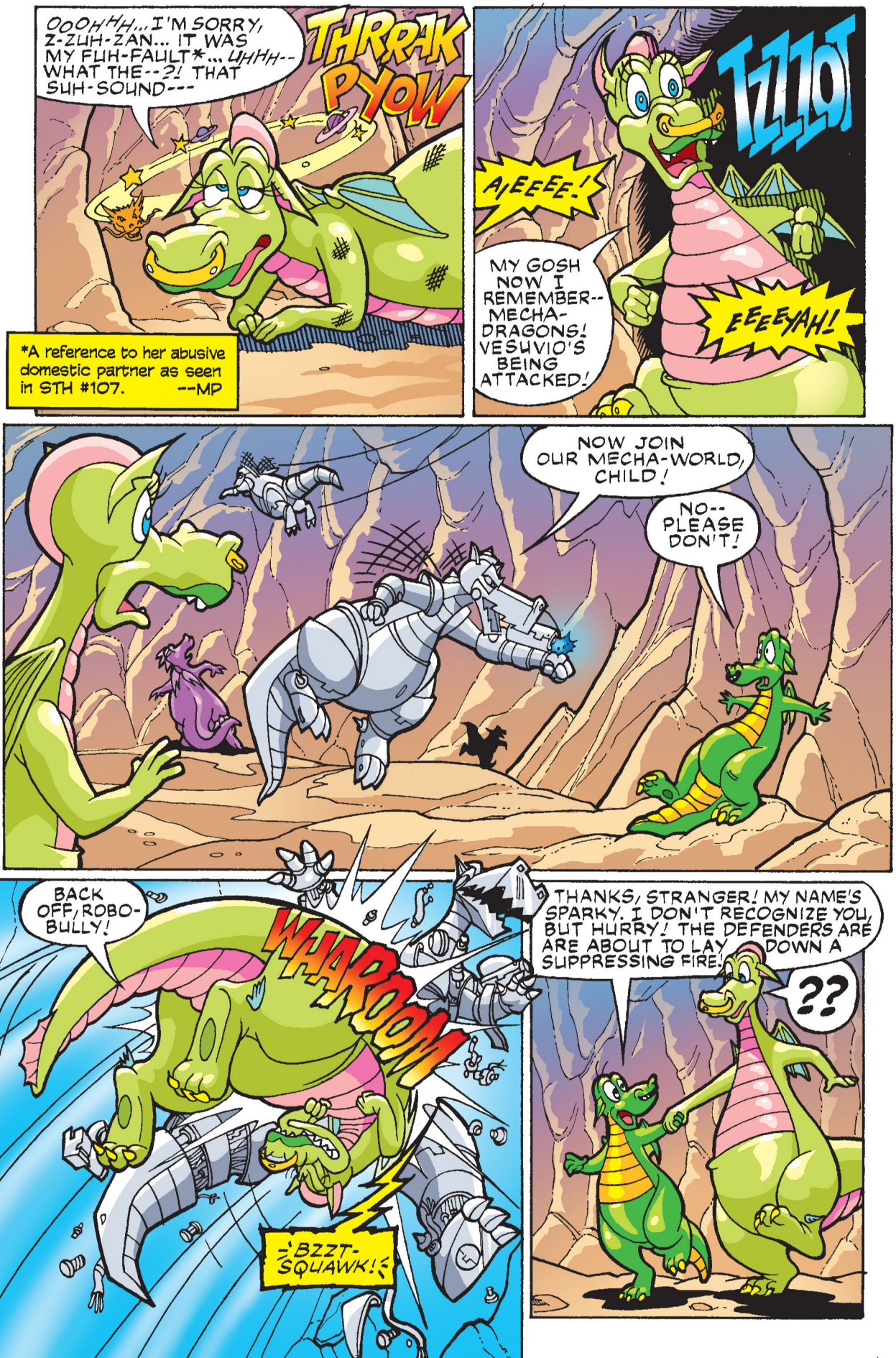
OOOHHH... I'M SORRY, Z-ZUH-ZAN... IT WAS MY FUH-FAULT*... UHHH-- WHAT THE--?! THAT SUH-SOUND---
THRRAK
PYOW
*A reference to her abusive domestic partner as seen in STH #107. --MP
TZZZT
AIEEEE!
MY GOSH NOW I REMEMBER-- MECHA-DRAGONS! VESUVIO'S BEING ATTACKED!
EEEEYAH!
NOW JOIN OUR MECHA-WORLD, CHILD!
NO-- PLEASE DON'T!
BACK OFF, ROBO-BULLY!
WHAROOM
-BZZT- SQUAWK!-
THANKS, STRANGER! MY NAME'S SPARKY. I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, BUT HURRY! THE DEFENDERS ARE ARE ABOUT TO LAY DOWN A SUPPRESSING FIRE!
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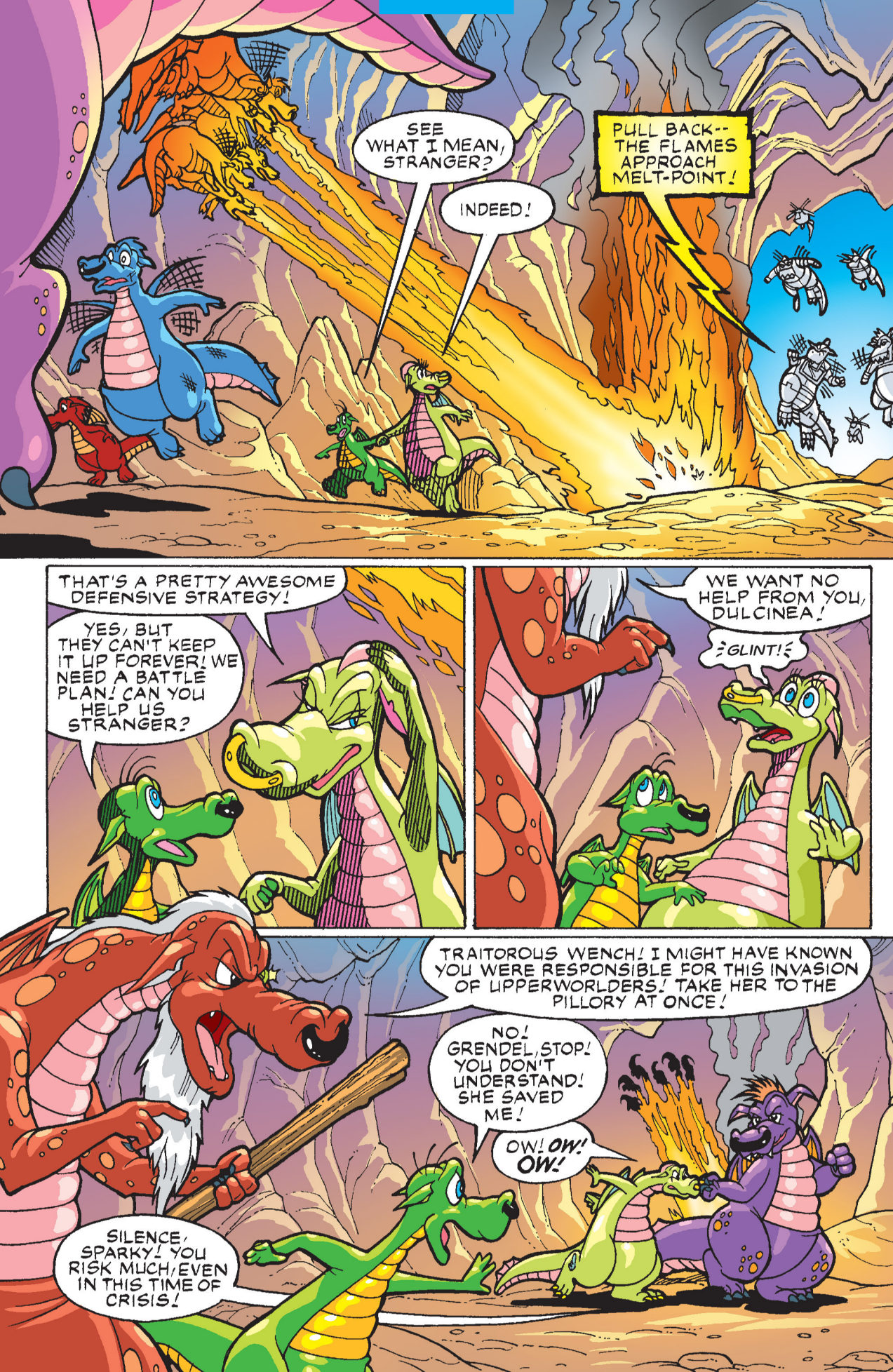
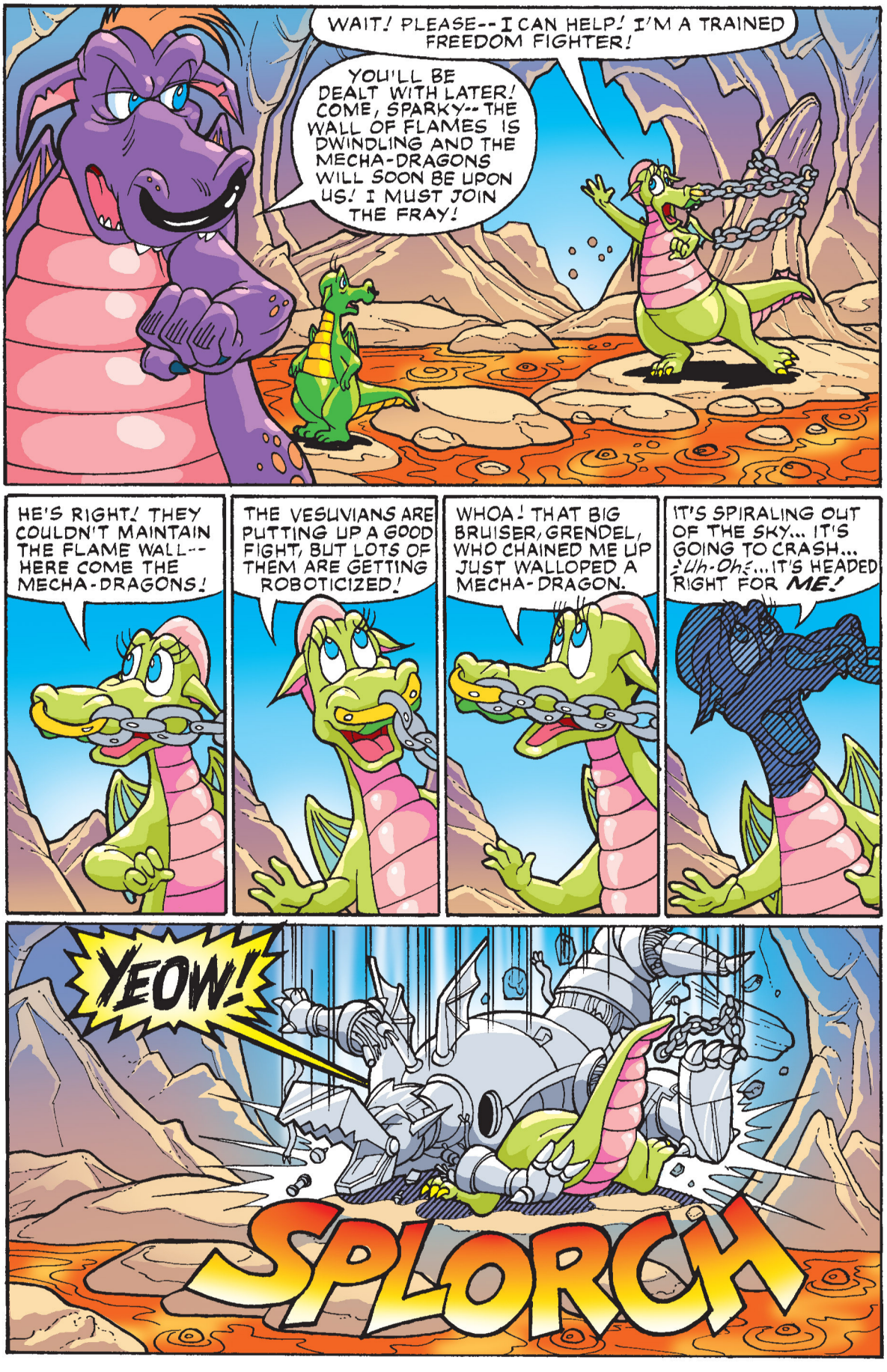
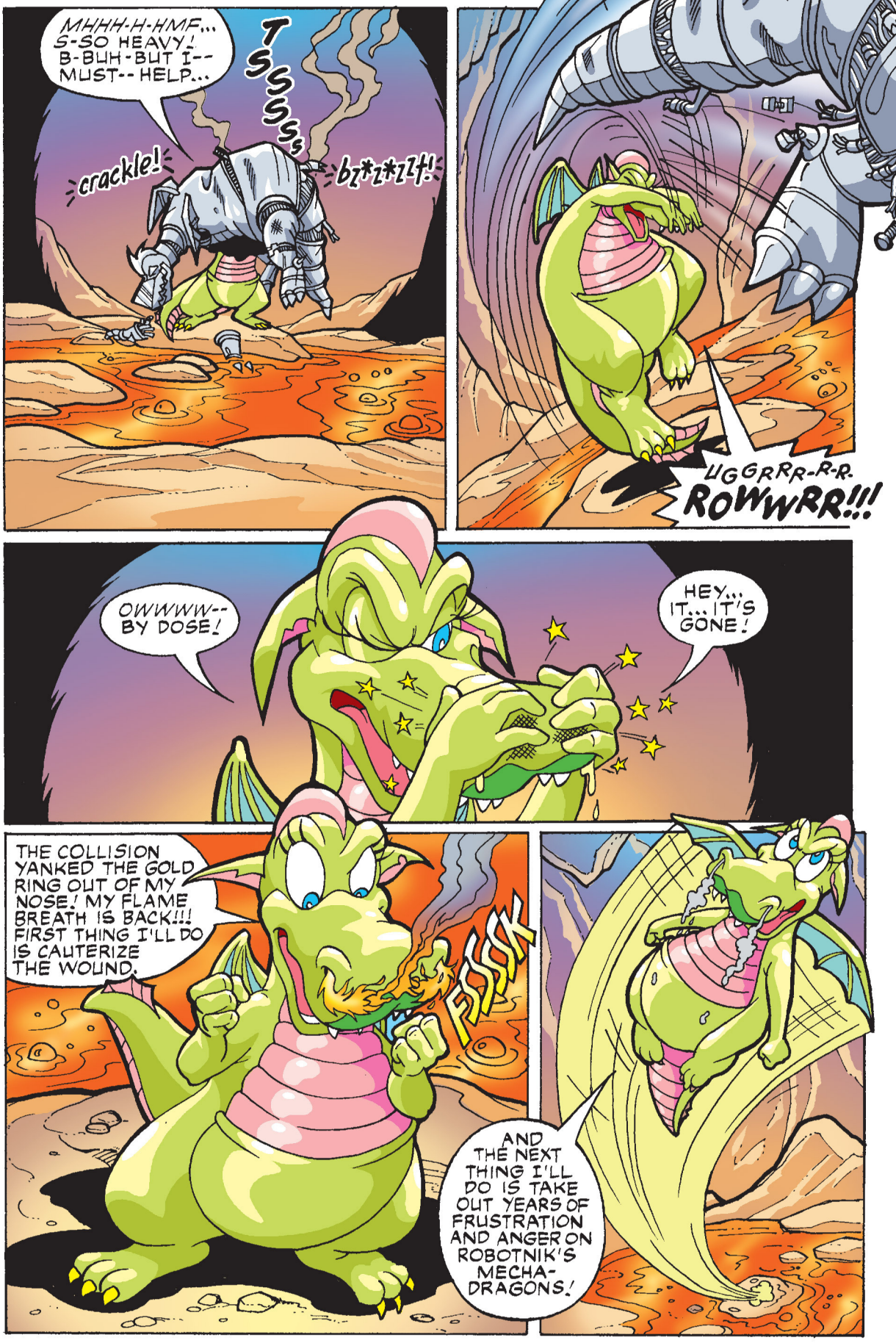
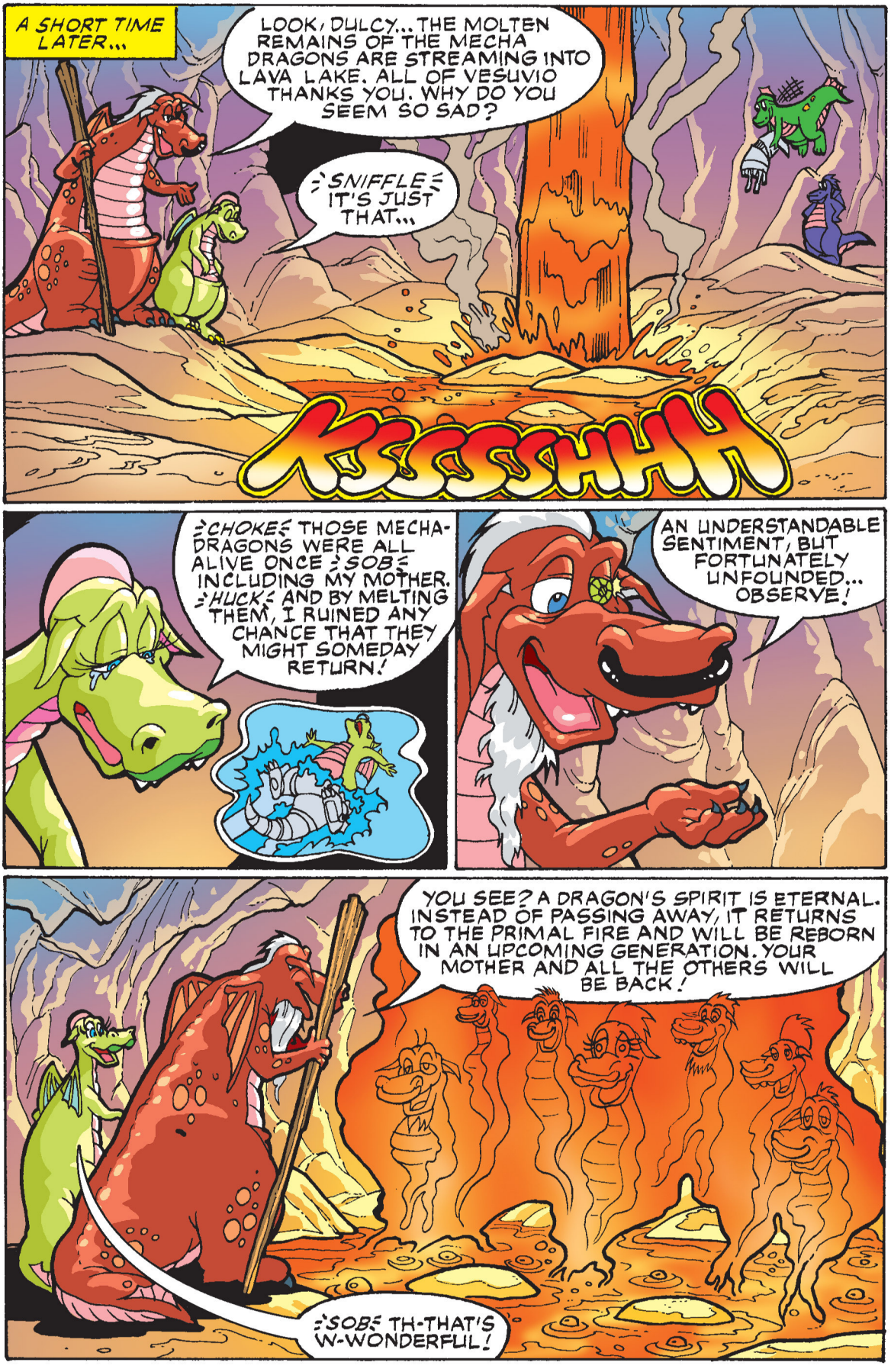
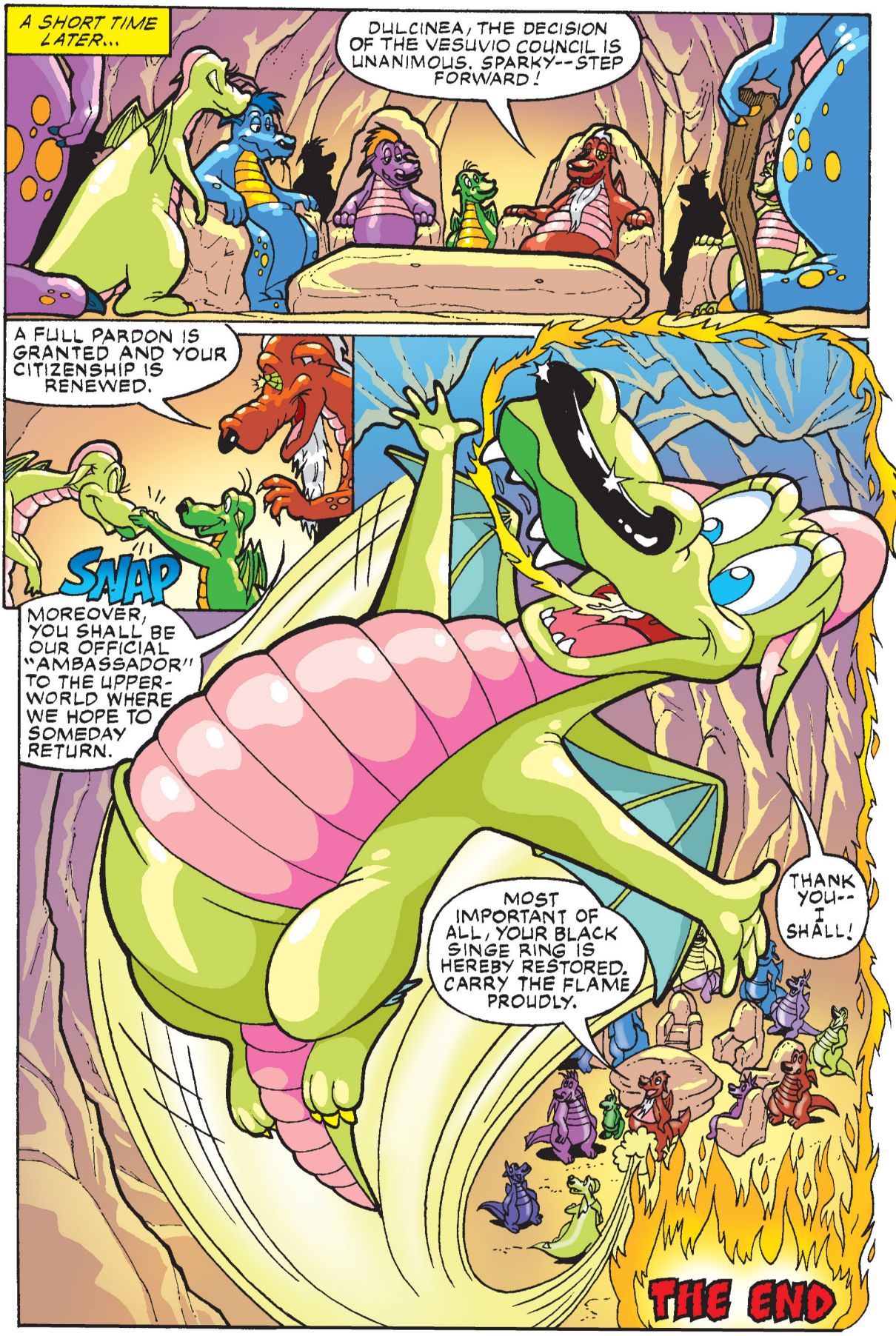

SEE WHAT I MEAN, STRANGER?
INDEED!
PULL BACK-- THE FLAMES APPROACH MELT-POINT!
THAT'S A PRETTY AWESOME DEFENSIVE STRATEGY!
YES, BUT THEY CAN'T KEEP IT UP FOREVER! WE NEED A BATTLE PLAN! CAN YOU HELP US STRANGER?
WE WANT NO HELP FROM YOU, DULCINEA!
:GLINT!:
TRAITOROUS WENCH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INVASION OF UPPERWORLDERS! TAKE HER TO THE PILLORY AT ONCE!
NO! GRENDEL, STOP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! SHE SAVED ME!
OW! OW! OW!
SILENCE, SPARKY! YOU RISK MUCH, EVEN IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS!


WAIT! PLEASE--I CAN HELP! I'M A TRAINED FREEDOM FIGHTER!
YOU'LL BE DEALT WITH LATER! COME, SPARKY-- THE WALL OF FLAMES IS DWINDLING AND THE MECHA-DRAGONS WILL SOON BE UPON US! I MUST JOIN THE FRAY!
HE'S RIGHT! THEY COULDN'T MAINTAIN THE FLAME WALL-- HERE COME THE MECHA-DRAGONS!
THE VESUVIANS ARE PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT, BUT LOTS OF THEM ARE GETTING ROBOTICIZED!
WHOA! THAT BIG BRUISER, GRENDEL, WHO CHAINED ME UP JUST WALLOPED A MECHA-DRAGON.
IT'S SPIRALING OUT OF THE SKY... IT'S GOING TO CRASH... Uh-Oh!... IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR ME!
YEOW!
SPLORCH


MHHH-H-HMF... S-SO HEAVY! B-BUH-BUT I-- MUST-- HELP...
TSSSSs
crackle!
bz*z*zzt!
UGGRRR-R-R-
ROWWRR!!!
OWWWW-- BY DOSE!
HEY... IT... IT'S GONE!
THE COLLISION YANKED THE GOLD RING OUT OF MY NOSE! MY FLAME BREATH IS BACK!!! FIRST THING I'LL DO IS CAUTERIZE THE WOUND.
FSSK
AND THE NEXT THING I'LL DO IS TAKE OUT YEARS OF FRUSTRATION AND ANGER ON ROBOTNIK'S MECHA-DRAGONS!

HANG ON, FELLOW VESUVIANS! THE CAVALRY IS COMING--AND HER NAME IS DULCY!!!
SKAROOSH
LOOK! THE STRANGER IS TURNING THE TIDE OF THE BATTLE!
INDEED! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR MYSELF SAY IT, BUT...
YOU GO, GIRL! SLAG 'EM ALL, DULCINEA!!!
YOU HEARD THE MAN--LET'S HAVE US A MELTDOWN!
SSSKRAKLE


A SHORT TIME LATER...
LOOK, DULCY... THE MOLTEN REMAINS OF THE MECHA DRAGONS ARE STREAMING INTO LAVA LAKE. ALL OF VESUVIO THANKS YOU. WHY DO YOU SEEM SO SAD?
:SNIFFLE: IT'S JUST THAT...
KSSSSHHH
:CHOKE: THOSE MECHA-DRAGONS WERE ALL ALIVE ONCE :SOB: INCLUDING MY MOTHER. :HUCK: AND BY MELTING THEM, I RUINED ANY CHANCE THAT THEY MIGHT SOMEDAY RETURN!
AN UNDERSTANDABLE SENTIMENT, BUT FORTUNATELY UNFOUNDED... OBSERVE!
YOU SEE? A DRAGON'S SPIRIT IS ETERNAL. INSTEAD OF PASSING AWAY, IT RETURNS TO THE PRIMAL FIRE AND WILL BE REBORN IN AN UPCOMING GENERATION. YOUR MOTHER AND ALL THE OTHERS WILL BE BACK!
:SOB: TH-THAT'S W-WONDERFUL!


A SHORT TIME LATER...
DULCINEA, THE DECISION OF THE VESUVIO COUNCIL IS UNANIMOUS. SPARKY--STEP FORWARD!
A FULL PARDON IS GRANTED AND YOUR CITIZENSHIP IS RENEWED.
SNAP
MOREOVER, YOU SHALL BE OUR OFFICIAL "AMBASSADOR" TO THE UPPER-WORLD WHERE WE HOPE TO SOMEDAY RETURN.
MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, YOUR BLACK SINGE RING IS HEREBY RESTORED. CARRY THE FLAME PROUDLY.
THANK YOU-- I SHALL!
THE END

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